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Welcome Back!

I hope you had a relaxing summer and enjoyed your vacation with your family.

Since the public schools in DeKalb, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, and Cobb Counties will start school on Monday, August 10, 2009, we will follow their schedule and will start our fall schedule that day too.

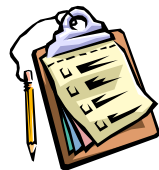
Our 2009-2010 first semester will start on September 1, 2009 when we will resume the nine monthly equal tuition payment plan.



Register for the Fall Now!

Many of you pre-registered for the fall semester on our Registration Day in May. Your preferred lesson time with the teacher of your choice is in place.

For those of you who plan to enroll in our music classes in the fall, do not wait until school starts to register. Sign up NOW before other students return from their vacation and while your convenient time is still available. To complete the registration process and guarantee your requested lesson time, the completed registration form, the registration fee and the original signed Academy Policies form must be received.



Tuition Payment

We encourage you to use our easy AutoPay plan to pay tuition during the school year. You may fill out an AutoPay form when you register for fall lessons. Your credit or debit card will be charged on the first of each month, starting in September.

If you choose to pay with cash, please remember that tuition is due by the 1st of each month. Late payments will incur a \$15.00 late fee. We will not waive late fees. Your support of our Academy policies is appreciated.



Recitals—A job Well Done



The spring student recitals were a great success. Students, thanks for your fabulous performances at the five recitals on May 16 and 17. We were proud of the young beginners and the first time performers. All of you deserved the trophy you received for your achievements.

Many students received their National Piano Guild certificate, and the practical and theory examination certificate from the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their teachers as the “2009 Most Improved Students” —

Students

Megan Anandappa
Lena Antin
Nicolas Capera
Jonathan Chan
Mindy Freedman
Devin Glass
Molly Guthrie
Rebecca Huang
Caleb Kim
Jessica Lao
Evin Liu
Sara Rountree
Emma Tsaor
Derek Vann
Amy Wang
Jessica Yan
Karrie Zhao
Sabrina Zhao

Teachers

Kaliya Okuri
Mary Parsons
Kathy Ackermann
Denise Burcham
Lisa Zimmerman, Chamblee
Kevin Fleming
Patricia Steele, Chamblee
Troy Palmer
Adam Frank
Julie Ye
Margaret Liu, Alpharetta
Margaret Liu, Chamblee
Patricia Steele, Alpharetta
Lois Finlay
Chiu-May Yu
Sergio Rodriguez
Michelle Li
Lisa Zimmerman, Alpharetta

E-Mail Reminder

Parents, please be sure that the e-mail address you listed on your child’s registration form is one that you check regularly. We communicate and send out statements using e-mail. If your e-mail address changes, please notify our office immediately.





The Academy's ultimate goal is to provide a high standard of music instruction in your community. We utilize many resources to ensure the standard is maintained, such as the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) Practical Exams. Students will perform 3 selected pieces, scales and arpeggios and participate in sightreading and aural tests. Students will receive assessment reports from the examiner from the U.K. and a certificate. Students who pass with distinction or high merit will perform at the High Scorers' Concert. The outstanding achievements that our students received in the past have proven the effectiveness of this program. As a result, students increase motivation and gain recognition from participating in this international program.

The next Theory Exam will be held on Saturday, October 30 and the Practical Exam for all instruments will be held between October and December. The deadline for entering is August 15. If you would like your child to take these exams, you may discuss it with your teacher.



Guild Achievements

Many students from our Academy participated in the annual National Piano Guild auditions in May, 2009 at England Piano.

Students performed a memorized program of 2-song to 15-song program, and were judged on many areas of accomplishment, such as accuracy, tone quality, dynamics, and interpretation.

We are very proud of these students who achieved "Superior Plus" ratings at the auditions.

From Lois Finlay's studio —

Donna Guo	Andy Huang	Justin Lee
Jonathan Li	Harsha Sridar	Derek Vann
Eric Wan	Richard Wan	Shannon Wong
Galen Xiang		

From Margaret Liu's studio —

Aomeng Cui	Sabrina Long	Stephanie Pham
Irene Weng	Emily Yeh	Adam Zhang
Anusha Sthanunathan		

From Chiu-May Yu's studio —

Megan Anandappa Christina Curlette

Special congratulations to **Emily Yeh** and **Anusha Sthanunathan**, students of Margaret Liu, who received the "High School Diploma" at the event.

New Office Hours



Effective August 10, our new office hours will be 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at both Alpharetta and Chamblee locations. Lesson schedule may be different from the office hours.

Fall Music Events



Piano Sonata/Sonatina

Competition, sponsored by North DeKalb Music Teachers Association, will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Piano Works in Duluth. Outstanding Performers chosen from each level will perform at the Winners' Recital on Sunday, October 18 at the Recital Hall of Piano Works. Cash prizes for each category and scholarships will be awarded to winners.

Fall Festival, sponsored by North Fulton Music Teachers Association will be held in October at Northview High School. Categories include piano solo and duet, vocal solo and instrumental solo. Each judge will choose a student to receive the special prize for best performance of a Romantic Period piece.

Celebrating Music, sponsored by North Fulton Music Teachers Association will be held on December 6-7 at North Point Mall, Alpharetta.

Music Marathon Festival, sponsored by North DeKalb Music Teachers Association will be held on December 12-13 at Northlake Mall, Tucker.

Students of member-teachers can participate. If you are interested in these events, you may check with your teacher.

Share Your Good News



Please let us know when your child has been recognized for a special music or education related accomplishment. With your permission, we will publish the good news in our next newsletter.

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